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1. SUMMARY: REPS SACLANT/CINCHAN AND SACEUR ON SEP 10 BRIEFED EWG ON THEIR ACTIVITIES IN DEVELOPMENT OF NATO EW IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. PRESENTATIONS COVERED SOVIET AND WARSAW PACT THREAT, MAJOR NATO DEFICIENCIES TO COUNTER IT. ALSO OUTLINED NATO PROGRAM AND PROGRESS IN PLANNING FOR IMPROVED NATO CAPABILITY, CONCLUDING THAT INITIATIVE IN MAKING PROGRAM A REALITY NOW RESTS WITH ALLIED GOVERNMENTS WHICH MUST COMMIT NECESSARY MANPOWER, EQUIPMENT, AND FUNDS TO THAT END. BRIEFINGS WERE CAREFULLY PREPARED, EFFECTIVELY PRESENTED, WELL RECEIVED. END SUMMARY.

2. SACLANT/CINCHAN REP DESCRIBED SOVIET THREAT TO NATO
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MARITIME FORCES, THEN DEVELOPED THROUGH SCENARIO OF ANTI-SHIP MISSILE ATTACK ON A NATO SHIP FORMATION THE DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES NEEDED TO COUNTER THAT SPECIFIC THREAT. LISTED SEVERAL SAMPLE TYPE DEFICIENCIES IN EQUIPMENT ABOARD NATO

SHIPS, INCLUDING INTERCEPT RECEIVERS WITH AUTOMATIC THREAT RECOGNITION, TRACK-BREAKERS WITH MULTIPLE MISSILE CAPABILITY, AND QUICK REACTING CHAFF/INFRA-RED DECOY LAUNCHERS. DISCUSSED NEED FOR REALISTIC EW PLAY IN EXERCISES AND REVIEWED REQUEST FOR NATO FUNDING TO PROVIDE LIVE SIMULATION OF SOVIET EW THREAT. ONLY US, IN ITS USN FLEET EW SUPPORT GROUP, HAS CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE SUCH VITAL REALISM IN TRAINING EXERCISES. IN CONCLUSION, BRIEFER SAID THAT NATIONS HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING NECESSARY RESOURCES FOR EFFECTIVE EW PROGRAM.

3. SHAPE PRESENTATION COVERED THE WARSAW PACT THREAT, THE LACK OF NATO EW CAPABILITY IN AIR AND ON GROUND, TOUCHED UPON LESSONS LEARNED IN MIDDLE EAST WAR, AND NEED FOR TACTICS AND EQUIPMENT TO COUNTER THREATS. STRESSED NEED FOR SELF-PROTECTION WARNING DEVICES FOR AIRCRAFT AND ARMOR, COUNTER-MEASURES FOR ELECTRO-OPTICAL SYSTEMS, AND SURVEILLANCE WARNING DEVICES FOR PERSONNEL. REVIEWED DEVELOPMENT OF NATO EW CONCEPTS AND OBJECTIVES, MNCS' OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND FORCE PROPOSALS. CONCLUDED THAT NOW THAT METHODOLOGY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, EXT PHASES INCLUDE EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION, TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND OPERATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION. DESCRIBED ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF CNAD ORGANIZATION IN SUPPORT OF COOPERATIVE PROCUREMENT AND MEASURES OF STANDARDIZATION POSSIBLE IN NEAR AND LONG TERM, TECHNICAL PROGRAMS AT SHAPE TECHNICAL CENTER, COOPERATION IN TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT. PLACED RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION ON COMMANDS AND NATIONS, LATTER BY COMMITMENT OF NECESSARY RESOURCES TO MAKE PLANS A REALITY. ALSO MADE STRONG CASE FOR LIVE EW TRAINING FOR THE ACE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM, RELATING DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED AND LACK OF PROGRESS IN FUNDING SUCH A PROGRAM.

4. IN DISCUSSION, US REP (GEN BOWMAN) SUGGESTED STUDY OF BRIEFINGS, IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR PRESSURE POINTS, SUBSEQUENT EWG ACTION TO FLAG ITEMS FOR EMPHASIS IN NATO AND AT NATO CAPITALS.

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5. IN CONCLUSION, ACTING CHAIRMAN (HUMPHREYS) NOTED NEED FOR FUNDING FOR TRAINING AND EXERCISES, ASKED SUPPORT OF ALLIED GOVERNMENTS IN MBC; SUGGESTED THAT ALL ALLIES TAKE INTEREST IN ACTIVITIES OF CNAD ON INFORMATION AND BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHORT-TERM VITAL EQUIPMENT NEEDS; ACCEPTED US SUGGESTION (PARA 4 ABOVE) AND WILL PLACE ON EWG AGENDA AGAIN IN 3 TO 4 WEEKS. HE NOTED THAT TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS ARE NOT HOLDING UP PROGRESS, BUT THAT AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES IS; STATED THAT INITIATIVE TO ACHIEVE NECESSARY EW IMPROVEMENT NOW RESTS WITH ALLIED GOVERNMENTS.

6. COPY OF BRIEFINGS WILL BE POUCHED WASHINGTON WHEN AVAILABLE TO MISSION.

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